E.) Remarks

In the Action dated May 5, 2004, Claim 11 was objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but otherwise allowable. Applicants have amended independent Claim 8 to include all of the substantive limitations of Claim 11 and the intervening dependent claims. Claim 12, previously dependent on Claim 11 has been amended to depend from amended Claim 8.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully assert that Claims 8 and 12 are now properly in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to take action consistent therewith and pass this application on to issuance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the Applicants' Attorney, at the telephone number provided below, in regard to any matter that the Examiner may identify that might be resolved through a teleconference with the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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